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SUBJ: IZVESTIYA ON THE ASIAN SECURITY SYSTEM AFTER HELSINKI

1. SUMMARY. IN MOST AUTHORITATIVES9VIET PUBLIC COMMENT ON ASIAN SECURITY SYSTEM SINCE HELSINKI, IZVESTIYA OBSERVER KUDRYAVTSEV STRESSES APPLICABILITY OF CSCE SECURITY PRINCIPLES TO ASIA, CITING BREZHNEV AND LEADERSHIP RESOLUTION ON CSCE RESULTS AS AUTHORITY FOR SHIFTING INTO HIGHER GEAR. WHILE ARTICLE TENDS TO EXTEND SCOPE OF PROPOSED SYSTEM BY INCLUDING MIDDLE EAST AND INDIAN OCEAN, EAST ASIA IS CLEARLY PRIMARY CONCERN, AND SHARPEST BARBS ARE RESERVED FOR CHINESE LEADERSHIP AND "NARROW POLITICAL GROUPS" WITH "REVANCHIST GOALS" IN JAPAN. FRONTIER INVOLABILITY RECEIVES PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT

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AMONG HELSINKI SECURITY PRINCIPLES. ARTICLE IS CLEARLY DESIGNED

TO APPEAL TO ASIAN ESTABLISHMENT ELITES. U.S. IS NOT MENTIONED BY NAME IN INVECTIVE AGAINST FOREIGN MILITARY UNDERTAKINGS AND BASES. END SUMMARY.

2. UNDER THE PREGNANT HEADING "AFTER THE HELSINKI FORUM", IZVESTIYA "POLITICAL OBSERVER" V. KUDRYAVTSEV'S ARTICLE "ASIA: SECURITY PROBLEMS" AUGUST 27 GIVES MOST AUTHORITATIVE SOVIET PUBLIC COMMENT SO FAR ON HOW SOVIETS INTEND TO PLAY THEIR ASIAN SECURITY PROPOSAL FOLLOWING CSCE. SECOND HALF OF ARTICLE IS RATHER LABORIOUS ATTEMPT TO ILLUSTRATE ASIAN APPLICABILITY OF ALL TEN HELSINKI FINAL ACT SECURITY PRINCIPLES IN ORDER, AND WE ASSUME FBIS WILL RUN FULL TEXT, BUT FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS MAY BE WORTH NOTING.

3. FIRST, ARTICLE STRESSES HIGH-LEVEL UNDERPINNING FOR USE OF HELSINKI RESULTS TO PROMOTE ASIAN SECURITY SYSTEM BY QUOTING BREZHNEV AT BOTH HELSINKI AND ALMA ATA (AUGUST 1973) AS WELL AS POST-HELSINKI LEADERSHIP RESOLUTION ON CSCE RESULTS.

4. SECOND, BY CITING MIDDLE EAST AS WELL AS SOUTHEAST ASIA AS AN AREA WHERE "CONTINUOUS MILITARY CONFLICTS...THREATENED AND THREATEN TO GROW INTO WORLDWIDE CONFLAGRATIONS" AND BY ADDING INDIAN OCEAN AND MIDDLE EAST TO SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN AS AREAS IMPERIALISTS STILL WISH TO DOMINATE, ARTICLE TENDS BY IMPLICATION AT LEAST TO EXTEND GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE OF PROPOSED SECURITY SYSTEM WESTWARD TO INCLUDE WHOLE SOUTHERN BORDERLAND OF USSR.

5. NEVERTHELESS, EAST ASIA IS OBVIOUSLY AREA OF PRIMARY CONCERN, AND SHARPEST BARBS ARE RESERVED FOR CHINESE LEADERSHIP AND "NARROW POLITICAL GROUPS" IN JAPAN WHO USE A "PART OF THE JAPANESE PRESS" TO QUESTION APPLICABILITY OF CSCE TO ASIA BECAUSE THEY ARE REVANCHIST. AS KUDRYAVTSEV PUTS IT: "ONLY THE BIG IMAGINATION OF THE PEKING LEADERS COULD GIVE BIRTH TO THE THOUGHT THAT THE SECURITY SYSTEM COULD BE USED TO 'ENCIRCLE AND ISOLATE' THE PRC. THE SECURITY SYSTEM ABSOLUTELY ASSUMES THE EQUALITY OF PARTICIPATING STATES AND JOINT SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS LINKED WITH SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN ASIA. PEKING REFUSES TO ACCEPT SUCH A SYSTEM PRECISELY BECAUSE IT DREAMS OF HEGEMONY IN ASIA, IN WHICH ALL THE OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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LIKE ITS PROPERTY (VOTCHINNA). IN A MOMENT OF SINCERITY MAO TSE TUNG HIMSELF SPOKE OF SUCH A POLICY...THE OBJECTIONS OF A PART OF THE JAPANESE PRESS CANNOT BUT EVOKE ASTONISHMENT, IN THAT THE FATE OF ITS COUNTRY AS WELL AS OF ALL ASIA IS PUT IN QUESTION FOR THE SAKE OF THE REVANCHIST GOALS OF NARROW POLITICAL CIRCLES...(ASAHI) BY STRESSING THAT 'ASIA IS DIFFERENT FROM EUROPE' COMES OUT AGAINST THE 'STATUS QUO' PRINCIPLE AND BY THE SAME TOKEN REVEALS ITS SUPPORT OF REVANCHIST GOALS."

6. WHILE THE HELSINKI SECURITY PRINCIPLES ARE TREATED IN ORDER, THE THIRD, ON FRONTIER INVIOABILITY, IS GIVEN MOST SPACE. IN KIDRYAVTSEV'S OWRDS, IT "CALLS FORTH OBJECTIONS ON THE PART OF AVRIOUS POLITICAL CIRCLES IN ASIAN COUNTRIES WHICH DREAM OF FRONTIER REVISION. THAT IS PRECISELY HOW THINGS ARE WITH THE OBJECTIONS SPREAD ABOUT BY CERTAIN CIRCLES IN JAPAN. SUCH A PRINCIPLE HAS THE EFFECT OF A RED RAG IN FRONT OF A BULL IN PEKING, IN THAT FRONTIER REVISION, RIGHT UP TO CHANGE WITH THE HELP OF ARMED FORCE, IS A CONSTITUENT PART OF PEKING'S GREAT POWER HEGEMONIST POLICY."

7. IN CONTRAST, THE ARTICLE IS CLEARLY INTENDED TO APPEAL TO ASIA'S ESTABLISHMENT ELITES. "THE IDEA OF SECURITY IN ASIA HAS MET WITH APPROVAL IN MANY CIRCLES IN ASIAN COUNTRIES, AND IN PARTICULAR IN SUCH GREAT AND POPULOUS COUNTRIES AS INDIA.. THE MAJORITY OF ASIAN COUNTRIES ARE VITALLY INTERESTED IN HAVING FRONTIER DISPUTES SOLVED BY PEACEFUL MEANS AND NOT BECOME A STIMULUS FOR INCREASING MILITARY BUDGETS, WHICH REMOVE ENORMOUS RESOURCES FROM THE PEACEFUL CONSTRUCTION SO NECESSARY FOR THE CONTINENT'S DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE FOURTH PRINCIPLE ON THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF STATES AND THE FIFTH ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES ARE CLOSELY LINKED WITH THIS PRINCIPLE (FRONTIER INVIOABILITY)."

8. FINALLY, WHILE FOREIGN MILITARY UNDERTAKINGS AND BASES

COME IN FOR SOME HARD LICKS, THE U.S. IS NOT MENTIONED BY

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